

Area Brides Feted at Prenuptial Parties

Torrance Couple Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary



MR. AND MRS. E. B. PURCELL
Wed 50 Years

Celebrating their golden wedding anniversary last Monday were Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Purcell of 1617 Post ave. Open house was held from 2:40 p.m. for 75 guests, the reception taking place in the rumpus room.

Present for the occasion were two sisters, a sister-in-law and a brother of Mrs. Purcell. They were Mrs. Rotha Frazier of Council Bluffs, Iowa, Mrs. S. R. Travers, Westchester, and Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Foreman of Torrance.

The Purcells were married September 1, 1908 at Missouri Valley, Iowa, and moved to

California about 18 years ago. They have been Torrance residents since October '37.

Seven dozen cards, telegrams and phone calls were received by the couple, as well as four dozen gifts. Mrs. May Bell of St. Louis telegraphed and a phone call was received from Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Williamson of Modale, Iowa, the later a sister of Mrs. Purcell.

Helping to serve refreshments which included a three tiered cake decorated with gold roses and leaves, were Meses, J. P. Taylor, Van Nuys; S. R. Travers, and M. Foreman.

Mrs. Elzie Jones took charge of the guest book.

Two area brides of last weekend and a bride-to-be have been honored in the weeks preceding their marriages, with parties and showers given by friends and relatives.

Gloria Bowen
Miss Gloria Bowen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton E. Bowen, 1225 Madrid ave., whose marriage to John Haskell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Haskell of Gardena, will be a Saturday event, was honored at a recent shower given by her aunt, Mrs. Forest Learman of Lomita.

A pink and white color scheme was carried out in the floral decorations, and gift wrappings and the angel food cake was iced in pink. Wedding bells decorated the nutcups.

Party Guests
On the guest list were Meses, James Brown, Sal Felix, Ralph Husterlid, Fred Kloptenburg, Robert Gray, Dean Nelson, Delbert Thomas, Peggy Germain, and the Meses Gloria Lamoureux, Corella Brunker, Arlene Kastrup, Rose Germain, Judy Wurtz and Anne Bowen, sister of the bride, all of Torrance.

Also Mrs. William Anderson of Compton, Mrs. David Honilkin, Los Angeles, Mrs. Randy Womack and Mrs. Reginald Wurtz, Redondo, Mrs. C. L. Bennett and Mrs. W. J. Kennedy of Gardena.

Unable to attend but sending gifts for the miscellaneous shower were Mrs. Phillip Haskell, Mrs. Carl Wood, Mrs. Betty Jean Fenwick, Mrs. Earl Holmsted and Erlene Robeson.

Yellow and White
Hostesses at another miscellaneous shower for Miss Bowen, were Miss Nella MacDonald and Miss Susan Walker, the party held in the home of Miss MacDonald's parents, the J. G. MacDonalds of Acacia ave.

A yellow and white color scheme was used in the flowers and the refreshments. The cake centerpiece was iced in yellow with the names Gloria and John entwined in two hearts.

Classmate
Guests were classmates of the bride-to-be when she attended the Mount in Palos Verdes. Taking part in the festivities were Joyce Loeffler, Patricia Earl, Anne and Mary Gilles, Brenda Peck, Susan Stone, Donna Grady, Marie Bahner.

Also Paula Emmick, Vivian Zak, Claudia Smith, Jean McNeil, Penne Praigg, Peggy Ravis, Allica Gatti, Betty Sue Allred.

Mothers attending were Mrs. Bowen, Mrs. Gerald MacDonald, Mrs. Harry Walker. Unable to come but sending gifts were Mrs. Thomas McNeil, Mrs. L. J. Young, and Nancy Dapico.

An out of town guest was Miss Claire Harwood of Ferndale, Washington, formerly of Torrance. Miss Harwood is a mem-

ber of the Saturday wedding party and is a house guest in the Bowen home.

Iris Morgan
Mrs. Shirley Sossoman of Long Beach and Miss Millie Horton of Torrance were co-hostesses last Tuesday evening at a miscellaneous shower to honor Miss Iris Morgan, formerly of London, England, whose marriage to Jack Alex Blevens of Wilmington was an event of September 5.

The party was held in the Wilmington home of Mrs. Sossoman's mother, Mrs. E. J. Hoskins.

Cream and gold were the colors carried out in decorations on table and gifts. A cake decorated with the initials of the bride and groom-to-be, centered the table.

Guest List
On the guest list were Mrs. Midge Dyer, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. Collier, Mrs. Ora Turner, Mrs. Matilda Cowan, grandmother of the groom-to-be, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Blevens, Archie Sossoman, Mrs. Nora King, Miss Beth Sisson, Judy Kelly, Peggy Johnston.



ANITA CERDA
Engagement Is Announced Today

Announcement is made today of the engagement of Miss Anita Cerda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luis Cerda, 4035 W. 182 st., to Joseph Linares, son of Mr. Sarah Linares of Los Angeles. Relatives were told the news at a recent family gathering in the home of her parents.

The wedding will take place the morning of October 4 at St. Catherine Labouré Catholic Church.

Miss Cerda is a graduate of North High School, class of '57.

Also Mr. and Mrs. L. Wade, Mrs. V. Irvin, Mrs. John Clark and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Lewin. Unable to attend but sending gifts were Mrs. Jim Malloy and Mrs. Larue Myers.

At Rehearsal Party
The rehearsal was held last Sunday in Calvary Baptist Church, Wilmington, after which members of the wedding party enjoyed a party in the home of the wedding R. ETAION SHRD the groom's parents.

Coralee Schless
The weeks preceding her Friday marriage to Thomas Crail, have been busy ones for Coralee Schless. Among the parties given in her honor was the crystal shower brunch hosted by Mrs. James Baker and Mrs. Daniel Farnham, in the Petroleum Club of Long Beach.

Attending were 30 of her friends, her mother, Mrs. Lee Schless, the groom's mother and grandmother, Mrs. William Crail, Mrs. Jack Crail, and Mrs. Thomas Wishon.

The party was held in rooms overlooking the pool, and decorated with white carnations and ferns. The table centerpiece was of pink roses and white carnations. Huge melon baskets held a variety of fresh fruits and berries. Fruit punch, coffee cake and coffee completed the menu.

Linen Shower
Miss Carol Young was hostess in her Belmont Shore home for a linen shower attended by close friends and classmates at City College, Long Beach. Mothers of the couple and the hostess were special guests.

The home was decorated with pink dahlias and pink candles and heart-shaped petitfours were served.

A miscellaneous shower was given by Mrs. Ronald Prather of Downey, the guest list chosen from high school friends of the honoree.

Following the opening of her gift packages, refreshments were served from a table centered with a white cake.

Stag for Groom
On the Wednesday night preceding his wedding, the groom, Thomas Crail, was honored at a stag dinner in the Petroleum Club, hosts, members of the Good Kid Club and a number of friends of his father.

The party which followed rehearsals in St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Long Beach, was given by the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Crail, Long Beach. A buffet and cocktails were enjoyed by members of the wedding party and the parents of the couple.

The couple held a reception at the Wilton Hotel following the marriage Friday, and Saturday morning left for a ten-day honeymoon in Hawaii.

WOMEN'S FEATURES ACTIVITIES CLUBS SECTION

Betty Laurent, Women's Editor, FA 8-2345



ISLAND MEMORIES will long remain with two Torrance couples recently returned from three weeks in Honolulu. Mrs. Jack Miller, seated at left, Mrs. Joe Hardin, Joe Hardin, standing at left, and Jack Miller pose with monkey pod and coconut souvenirs, and wear island mums and shirts.

Couples Return From Honolulu

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hardin, 1736 Andree ave., and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller, 1724 Date st., have recently returned by Pan American from a three week vacation to Honolulu. Six days were spent on a trip to the outer islands of Kauai, Maui, and Hawaii.

Mr. and Mrs. Alber K. H. Fong, long-time friends of the Hardins, took the visitors to many points of interest on the island of Oahu. They attended a family luau of 500 people, took a circle drive of Oahu, a drive up St. Louis Heights, and Wilhelmine Rise, and went through an Hawaiian pineapple cannery. They also took a tour along Mount Tantalus Drive, and lunched at the famous Waioli Tea Room. Besides visiting all the noted eating places, they attended both a Japanese and a Chinese wedding.

Coming to the airport to welcome them home, were friends, Mrs. Melvina Beckwith, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Fay Carpenter, Homer Morgan, and Mr. and Mrs. Art Chichester. The travelers brought back leis from the Islands to place around the necks of their friends.

Emergency Operation Changes Local Couple's Wedding Plans

An early afternoon hospital wedding August 30 took place instead of the planned wedding of Miss Sandra Katila and Carl Paesel Jr. in Palos Verdes Neighborhood Church. The reception took place in the Rolling Hills home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Andrews, with only the bride present to greet guests. The groom was back in his hospital bed recuperating from an emergency appendectomy performed at 3 o'clock that morning. The Mexican honeymoon will take place upon his recovery.

Parents Here
The bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Katila had flown from Seattle, Wash., for the wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Paesel, parents of the groom, arrived from Los Angeles. It was late to postpone the wedding so

the wedding was set ahead and guests arriving at the church were directed to the reception. Rev. Richard Dawson officiated.

The bride wore her wedding gown of lace and her veil caught to a pearl tiara, and carried her bridal bouquet. Miss Mary Lee Chudy attended the bride in a pastel sheath with yellow overskirt.

David L. Lebkuecher was best man.

Redondo Home
The new home will be at 509 Ave. G, Apt. F, Redondo Beach. The bride has been attending UC at Santa Barbara and expects to complete her education locally.

The groom is a coordinator of tooling at Douglas Aircraft. He is a graduate of Georgia Tech where he received his BS degree in Industrial Management.

PV Players Plan Open Meeting

Palos Verdes Players, under the guidance of their new president, Marcia Graves, will entertain members and newcomers at its first meeting tomorrow night at 7:30. An open invitation is extended to all interested in attending the program to be held at Malaga Cove School auditorium, Palos Verdes Estates.

Continuing their past policy of producing three dramatic plays each season means that new talents will be sought for stagecraft, art work, prompting, and other theater activities, as well as for acting.

Special emphasis will be placed on social activities in conjunction with meetings and special events.

Tomorrow's meeting will be highlighted by a musical program with Ed Slani, master of ceremonies, songs by Lillah Beauchamp and Melba Arden, dances by Paul Owsley, and a

Jitney Dinner Planned by Club

North Torrance Branch of the National Fuchsia Society will sponsor their annual Jitney Pot Luck Dinner at 6 p.m. Tuesday, in McMaster Hall, 174 and Yukon.

Dinner will be open to the public, the only stipulation that each bring a hot dish, salad or dessert, and their own table service.

Servings will be sold to benefit the club funds.

Dr. C. B. Houghton will be the after dinner speaker, his subject, "Soil Correction."

There will be door prizes and a plant table prize.

Special act by Rena Jean and Miles Middough.

The schedule and names of plays for the forthcoming season will be announced at the meeting.

Use Press classified ads for quick results.

Woman's Club To Staff Mobile Unit

Members of Torrance Woman's Club will staff the X-ray Mobile Unit all day Monday and Wednesday, according to announcement made at the executive board meeting held in the clubhouse last Wednesday morning.

Another volunteer service of club members was that of Mrs. Don Wolf, president, and Mrs. Howard Wood, in helping this summer at the well children's clinic at the Health Center.

New Members
Mrs. Lee Stamps, membership chairman, read the names of eight applicants for club membership.

Lioness Club Plans Picnic

Meeting in business session Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. A. B. McTee, 810 Madrid, members of Torrance Lioness Club made plans for a picnic to be held September 13 in McMaster Park. Husbands of the members will be special guests at the dinner to be served at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Newell Larsen was appointed chairman and will be assisted by a committee not yet named.

PUT YOUR BEST FOOT FORWARD

By FLORENCE MARY BLAKE
Lecturer, Teacher, Consultant

The first few days and weeks of school are pretty crucial in establishing a happy relationship for the year. This is particularly true for those starting in a new school or just entering college. The reason I say they are so important is that there are many adjustments to be made. I am speaking most essentially of new friendships.

The shy are apt to respond only to those who are friendly to them. This is fine if you also use good judgment. So often those first frantic grabs for friends can result in some mighty poor selections. Then the tendency is to become known by the friends we have. This can be fine or it can be a distinct handicap. I hope today to give a few pointers on how to make a few mistakes as possible.

First of all, remember that there is nobody else in this whole wide world but just YOU. Your individuality is what makes you remembered. Don't try to pattern yourself after somebody else but make every effort to learn how to do the most for yourself and be as attractive as possible. Of course, be in the latest fashion but fit it to YOU, your figure, your personality. Being pretty and attractive are great helps to popularity, but cannot of themselves guarantee it. There is something much more important you should be aware of and try to develop.

Personality
When we say someone has a "wonderful personality," we are only saying that they sparkle, are friendly, and the kind of person both boys and girls enjoy talking with and being with. Your personality is that indescribable something that sets you apart. Often it gets submerged in an over-zealous effort to "act" instead of radiating your most sincere and genuine best self.

Don't tie yourself to a narrow circle of friends. Do be one who has a pleasant smile and "Hi" for strangers and newcomers in class and on campus. Be tolerant. Don't judge anyone by the family car or how socially prominent their family may be. Don't make fun of anyone who has an accent or is "different" in any way. Never make a joke at the expense of someone else. Don't think the way to be popular is to pass along all the latest gossip.

There will be lots of sheep on campus. Why should you be one of those that is too easy to lead? When you find yourself in a new group please do not be afraid to

Boys Celebrate Their Birthdays

Youngsters in the neighborhood of west 180 street celebrated three birthdays in their group in the week between August 23-29.

First celebrant was Kenny Guy Madden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Madden, who was host on his fourth birthday at a patio barbecue. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. John Silvia and son Bobby, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wojnar and daughter Susan, Curtis Case, his guest from Costa Rica, and his son Jeffrey, and Kenny's parents.

Two birthday parties were held on the 29, the first in honor of Michael Ambrosia who was five. Held at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ambrosia, the guest list included Sharon Oldt, Johnny and Bobby Nigh, Scotty McDougal, Jimmy Dean, Michael Fleming, Mike and Darlene Bloom, and Kenny Madden.

Following games and the serving of birthday cake and other refreshments, the guests went down the street to celebrate the fourth birthday of David Fleming, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fleming.

Vacationers Return

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Sumowski and daughters Kerry and Camy, have returned home after a vacation spent at Crestline. They also visited Santa's Village.



MRS. CARL PASEL JR., nee Sandra Katila
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Garden Section to Hear Talk on Cactus

Torrance Woman's Club Garden Section will hold their first meeting of the new club year at 1 p.m. Wednesday. The program will be on "Cactus."

Mrs. John Warnock, program chairman, will outline the program for the year.

Mrs. Peter Boonstra, chairman, will preside.

Garden Club Will Meet Wednesday

Members of Beau Jardin Garden Club will meet September 10 in the home of Mrs. Kenneth Harmon, 22317 Warmside.

A report will be made of the Ranchero Days booth conducted by the club, proceeds of which will be presented to the Exceptional Children's Foundation.

Give Cocktail Party

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Augustus, 21622 Redbeam ave., entertained last week at a cocktail party to honor their friend, Miss Shirley Hammond of Burbank on the occasion of her birthday anniversary.

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